

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2010. Claims 39, 45, 46, 51, 52, 60, 61, 69, 70, 78, and 79 are hereby canceled. Claims 1-9, 30-38, 40-44, 47-50, 53-59, 62-68, 71-77, 80, and 81 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 6, 9, 31, 33, 35, 40, 55, and 64 are currently amended. Claims 1, 6, 9, 55, 64, and 73 are in independent form. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. By way of example, see paragraphs 67 and 108 – 115. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees due in connection with this response.

The Office Action rejected all pending independent claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on *Budzik* (“User Interactions with Everyday Applications as Context for Just-in-time Information Access”) in view of *Shimizu* (U.S. Patent Application No. 5,821,929).. In light of the current amendments, applicant respectfully disagrees with and traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

More specifically, each independent claim now recites “determining a genre associated with the first active computer task” and then assigning a weight that is “based on the genre and” based on a “representative stylistic attribute” or a “representative field attribute.” (emphasis added). For example, if the user is drafting an email message, the weights assigned may be different than if the user is reading a resume. Notably, a user may be drafting an email message in an email program or in a web browser. Similarly, a user may be reading a resume in an email program or in a web browser.

Budzik does not teach this feature. The application adapters of *Budzik* merely standardize content from different applications for the *Budzik* system. For example, one application adapter may deliver the text of an email program to the *Budzik* system, and another application adapter may deliver the text of a web browsing program to the *Budzik* system. However, these adapters

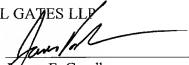
do not determine a genre associated with an active computer task and always do the same thing regardless of the genre of the active computer task. The *Budzik* system assigns weights to text items, but not based on a genre associated with an active computer task as claimed. *Shimizu* does nothing to cure the deficiencies of *Budzik*.

Because *Budzik* and *Shimizu* fail to teach this feature, alone and in combination, all of the independent claims and all claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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